

FISH AND SHELLFISH ADVISORY SIGNAGE GRANT PROGRAM

OUTREACH MATERIALS FOR LOCAL AGENCIES

*****APPLICATION FOR FUNDING NOW ATTACHED***
(DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; SEE ATTACHMENT A)**

NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Through an appropriation to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Budget Act of 2020 (SB 74) provided \$430,000 to assist Local Agencies in conspicuously posting health warnings, consistent with Site-specific advisories, in areas where contaminated fish or shellfish may be caught, including piers, jetties, lakes, reservoirs, and other areas where recreational or subsistence fishing is known to occur. Fish advisories are guidelines that recommend how often you can safely eat fish caught from waterbodies in California.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 116090.7, which was enacted by AB 762 of 2019, Local Health Officers are required to post fish advisories that have been issued by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for approximately 131 site-specific waterbodies in California upon appropriation of state funds. Prior to the enactment of this requirement and the appropriation of these funds, local agencies were only *urged* to post these warnings – resulting in sites with no or inadequate warnings of fish contamination.

Funding shall be provided on a reimbursement basis for eligible work undertaken.

SWRCB has contracted with the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) to assist in the disbursement of these funds to eligible jurisdictions.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

These funds may be awarded to Health Officers in California in which a site-specific fish or shellfish health advisory has been listed by OEHHA.

The funds must be distributed to and passed through the Local Health Officer (defined as the legally appointed Health Officer or Director of Environmental Health of the city, county, or city and county having jurisdiction over the area in which a publicly accessible body of water is located), as Health and Safety Code section 116090.7 places the requirement to post warnings, maintain signage, and request and receive funding directly on the Local Health Officer.

PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

It is the intent of the program to fund site-specific fish or shellfish health advisory signage at locations identified by OEHHA. Applications will be scored and ranked, and funding will be distributed as available based on application scores. The prioritization criteria include items below, and the scoring matrix is included in [Attachment B](#).

- CalEnviroScreen Score
- Fish Contaminant Levels
- Estimated Usage
- Travel Time to Another Waterbody with an Advisory
- Size of Waterbody
- Absence of Existing Advisories/Signs at Waterbody

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Solicitation of funding requests from Local Agencies	June 24, 2022
Deadline for Local Agencies to submit applications	September 30, 2022
Announcement of initial award of funding to local agencies	Approximately February 28, 2023

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT SUBMITTING A COMPLETE APPLICATION OR NOT ACCESSING FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE BY THE STATE UNDER THIS GRANT

If a Local Health Officer fails to request grant funding for a fiscal year, the duties imposed on the Local Health Officer's local agency are mandatory for that fiscal year under section 116090.7(d), so they would still be required to post and maintain warnings, and to meet all other requirements placed on local agencies under AB 762 if they do not apply.

APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS AND WEB LINKS

- Article 7 Fish and Shellfish Consumption Advisories 116090.6 shows the following terms have the following meanings:
 - "Local health officer" means the legally appointed health officer or director of environmental health of the city, county, or city and county, having jurisdiction over the area in which a publicly accessible body of water is located, which may include a coastal area.
 - "Site-specific fish or shellfish health advisory" means a consumption advisory regarding fish or shellfish in a specified body of water or area of that body of water, which may include a specified area of coastal waters.
- OEHHA Fish and Shellfish Health Advisories – scroll down to the "OEHHA Fish Advisories" section where search can be made by waterbody, county, or species: <https://oehha.ca.gov/fish/advisories>
- CalEnviroScreen: <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-40>

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A:

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

ATTACHMENT B:

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES PROGRAM
FUNDING PRIORITIZATION SCHEME FOR WATERBODIES WITH OEHHA HEALTH ADVISORIES

ATTACHMENT A: FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Submit application by **September 30, 2022** by email or mail to:

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The following application shall be used for request for funding pursuant to this program.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION:

2. APPLICANT JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION:

3. APPLICANT JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION MAILING ADDRESS:

4. NAME OF HEALTH OFFICER FOR JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION (ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE NUMBER):

5. NAME OF CONTACT PERSON FOR APPLICATION (ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE NUMBER):

6. HOW MANY WATERBODIES ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?

7. WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE WATERBODIES FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING?

8. TOTAL FUND REQUEST AMOUNT:

9. EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE:

10. SIGNATURE TO VERIFY THAT APPLICATION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FOLLOWING GRANT AWARD REQUIREMENT:

Applicant verifies the following: 1) Local Health Officer/Environmental Health Director has coordinated with OEHHA, the California Department of Public Health, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board(s), and local California Native American Tribes, to identify appropriate health warning locations and signage; 2) deadline to install funded health warning signs will be within 180 days of award notification; and 3) submittal of reimbursement requests will be required within 270 days of award notification.

11. PROJECT NUMBER (CCDEH/SWRCB USE ONLY):

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PLEASE PROVIDE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7 BELOW FOR **EACH WATERBODY** WHERE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FUNDING FOR NEW OR REPLACEMENT HEALTH WARNING SIGNAGE.

1. WATERBODY:

2. HOW MANY SIGNS IN TOTAL DO YOU PLAN TO INSTALL AT THIS WATERBODY?

3. WHAT TYPE OF SIGNS WILL BE INSTALLED IN EACH LOCATION?
(NEW FREE-STANDING POST; ON EXISTING FREESTANDING POST; ON NEW NOTICE BOARD;
ON EXISTING NOTICE BOARD. ETC.)

4. PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXACT GPS LOCATION OF EACH REQUESTED SIGN TO BE INSTALLED:

5. FOR **EACH REQUESTED SIGN**, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE USED TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING:

(See attached guidance memorandum)

Requested Information	Sign 1	Sign 2
<i>CalEnviroscreen Score for the Waterbody</i>		
<i>Fish Contaminant Level</i> How many species does the waterbody currently have with "do not consume" advice?		
<i>Estimated Usage</i> Provide estimate of usage for the waterbody (e.g., average number of fishers per month or year, etc.)		
<i>Travel Time to another waterbody with an advisory</i> Provide the name of the nearest waterbody with an advisory, and the approximate distance to that waterbody.		
<i>Approximate size of the waterbody (in acres)</i>		
<i>How many existing health warning/ advisory signs are currently at the waterbody?</i>		

6. REQUESTED SIGNAGE INFORMATION INCLUDING ESTIMATED COST PER SIGN FOR WATERBODY:

Please fill out the table below for each waterbody. The amount requested may be calculated using the table below.

WATERBODY: _____

Proposed Signage Location	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3
<i>Initial install of signage (I) or replacement of existing signage (R)?</i>			
<i>Description of location (main entrance, etc.)</i>			
<i>Is the signage in an area where significant subsistence fishing is known to occur? (Y or N)</i>			
<i>Estimated ranking with highest usage (# of fishers; Insert 1 for highest usage, 2 of next highest usage, etc.)</i>			
<i>Description and/or Type of Signage Proposed at Each Location (new free-standing post, on existing freestanding post, on new notice board, on existing notice board, etc.)</i>			
<i>Estimated Administrative Costs for Signage at Each Location</i>			
<i>Estimated Material Cost for Signage at Each Location</i>			
<i>Estimated Labor Cost to Complete Signage Installation at Each Location</i>			
<i>Total Estimated Cost for Signage at Each Location</i>			

7. TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED:

This amount may include cost of signage, project administration, and labor to install signage.

ATTACHMENT B:

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES PROGRAM FUNDING PRIORITIZATION SCHEME FOR WATERBODIES WITH OEHA HEALTH ADVISORIES

PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA	POINTS APPLIED
CalEnviroScreen Score	
Over 50	40
25 – 50	25
0 – 25	10
Fish Contaminant Levels	
3 or more species with “do not consume” advice	40
2 species with “do not consume” advice	25
1 or fewer species with “do not consume” advice	10
Estimated Usage (Number of Fishers)	
Very high	40
High	25
Medium	10
Low	5
Travel Time to Another Waterbody with an Advisory	
2 or more hours	30
1-2 hours	20
1 hour or less	10
Size of Waterbody	
4000+ surface acres	20
601 – 4000 surface acres	10
0 – 600 surface acres	5
Absence of Existing Advisories/Signs at Waterbody	
Absence of existing advisories/signs	20
TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE	190